

Application No. 10/024,242

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


The Examiner has rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Motoyama, U.S. Patent Number 5,887,216. Applicants traverse this rejection.

The portions of the reference indicated by the Examiner include no disclosure of the measurement of current of a group of components as required, for example, by Applicants' claim 1. Nor do these portions include disclosure of storing a reference current in a memory as required, for example, by Applicants' claim 1, or measuring current in a component/group when it is the only active component/group as required, for example, by Applicants' claim 6. In fact, the portions of the reference indicated by the Examiner do not appear to disclose all limitations of any of the claims. Thus, there is no *prima facie* case of anticipation. Inasmuch as the disclosure is directed to monitoring and correcting toner/image density, neither does there appear to be any teachings to accomplish current sensing, comparing, and alerting as required by Applicants' claims. Thus, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, further consideration and allowance of the subject application is requested. If the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, please call Applicants' Attorney, David E. Henn at (585) 423-4299, Xerox Corporation, Rochester, New York 14644, or fax him at (585) 423-5240.

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